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Iran: Information on a group called Neshat Daneshjoua (Nehzath Daneshgo), including the group's organizational structure, membership cards, leaders, objectives, and treatment of its members by authorities

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In a 14 June 2004 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a representative from the Centre for Arab and Iranian Studies (CAIS) indicated that "Nahzat Daneshjo" (correct spelling provided by the representative) refers to the "student movement"; it is a term used to describe the totality of student movements in Iran. According to the representative, there is no organization named "Nahzat Daneshjo" in Iran (CAIS 14 June 2004).

A representative from the Student Movement Coordination Committee for Democracy in Iran (SMCCDI) corroborated this information in a 14 June 2004 telephone interview with the Research Directorate. The representative translated "Nahzat Daneshjo" as "student cause" in English, indicating as well that it is a generic term referring to student causes in general and not to one specific organization (SMCCDI 14 June 2004).

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection.

References

The Centre for Arab and Iranian Studies (CAIS), London, United Kingdom. 14 June 2004. Telephone interview with a representative.

The Student Movement Coordination Committee for Democracy in Iran (SMCCDI), Addison, Texas. 14 June 2004. Telephone interview with a representative.

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